THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Programmes are being drawn up to improve production of indigenous wool.

(c) The indigenous production of wool has been provisionallly estimated as under

1990-91	42.7 Million Kgs.
1991-92	43.4 Million Kgs.

Imports of raw wool & Rags is as under

(In Million Kgs)

	Import of Raw Wool (Source DGCI&S)	Import of Rags (Source IWMF)
1990-91	29.21	35
1991-92	27.95	30
(d) 1992-93		44.2 Million Kgs

Export of Handicrafts

3549. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of handicrafts exported during the years 1989-90, 90-91 and 91-92;

(b) what were the major handicrafts exported during the above period;

(c) the countries where the above exports were made; and

(d) what measures arc proposed to be taken to increase the export of handicrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The provisional value of handicrafts (including handknotted carpets) exported during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 were Rs. 1008.64 crores, Rs. 1220.00 crores and Rs. 1810.00 crores respectively.

(b) Major handicrafts exported during the above period were handknotted woollen/silken/synthetic carpets, durries, rugs, druggets, art metal-wares, woodwares, hand printed textiles and scarves (embroidered) and crochetted goods, shawls as art wares, zari and zari goods and immitation jewellery.

(c) These exports were mainly made to Australia, Canada, France. Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia Switzerland, U.S.A. and U.K.

(d) In order to promote exports of these products, several steps have been taken by Government which include sponsoring sales-cum-study teams, participation in fairs in major markets and in buyer-seller meets, publicity abroad, grant of duty draw-back, concessional duty on carpet grade wool and tripplc weightage on net foreign exchange earnings for the purpose of recognition of an exporting firm as an Export House of Trading House. The earnings from exports are free from income-tax.

उत्तर प्रदेश में हस्तशिल्प तथा हथकरघा उत्पादों के विपणन में आने वाली समस्याएं

3550. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में हस्तशिल्प और हथकरघा वस्तुओं के विपणन में समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने बुनकरों के लाभार्थ इन उत्पादों का निर्यात करने के लिए कोई योजना बनायी हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत): (क) हथकरघा और हस्तशिल्प क्षेत्रों में स्टॉक एकत्र होना मौसम पर आधारित है। किसी विशेष समय में उत्पादन और उसकी बिक्री में ताल-मेल नहीं हो पाता। तथापि सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में हथकरघा व हस्तशिल्प माल एकत्र हो गये हैं।

(ख) और (ग) इन उत्पादों के निर्यात के संवर्धन के लिए सरकार ने कई कदम उठाए हैं जिसमें ड्यूटी ड्रॉ